

LOC Questions and Clarifications Memorandum

To: Solicited Vendors for Letter of Configuration (LOC) Number 46091 dated March 22, 2021 for the Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH)

From: David C. Johnson

Date: April 12, 2021

Subject: Responses to Questions Submitted and Clarifications to Specifications

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LOC Number 46091 is hereby amended as follows:

1) PROCUREMENT PROJECT SCHEDULE

Task	Date
Addendum with Vendors' Questions and Answers	Monday, April 12 5, 2021
Proposals Due	Monday, April 19 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Begin Proposal Evaluation	Monday, April 19 12, 2021
Notification of Award	Monday, April 26 19, 2021
Migration and Configuration Completed on or before	June 1, 2021

2) Item 15.1 is being amended as follows:

Vendor must deliver the response to Error! Reference source not found. **at ITS no later than Monday, April ~~19~~ 12, 2021, at 3:00 P.M. (Central Time).** Responses may be delivered by hand, via regular mail, overnight delivery, e-mail, or by fax. The fax number is (601) 713-6380. ITS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS IN THE DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS. It is solely the responsibility of the Vendor that proposals reach ITS on time. Vendors should contact **Error! Reference source not found.** to verify the receipt of their proposals. Proposals received after the deadline will be rejected.

Vendor must include in their proposal a response to each amended requirement as listed above. Vendor must respond using the same terminology as provided in the original requirements.

The following questions were submitted to ITS and are being presented as they were submitted, except to remove any reference to a specific vendor. This information should assist you in formulating your response.

Question 1: Will other state entities be able to utilize this contract vehicle, once established?

Response: **The State reserves the right to reuse the awarded proposal from the LOC for other state entities to use. The State's decision to reuse an award will be based on: (1) the customer's business requirements; (2) elapsed time since the award of the original project; and/or (3) research on changes in the Vendor, market, and technical environments since the initial award. The awarded vendor must be willing to extend a cost less than or equal to that specified in the unit costs of the awarded proposal or resulting contract.**

Question 2: Is it MSDH's intention to purchase the 3-year Forcepoint subscription upfront, or do they intend to purchase on an annual basis?

Response: **The 3-year subscription will be paid annually.**

Question 3: If purchasing all 3 years upfront, is it okay to have the 3-year cost under Year 1 and zero under Year 2 and Year 3 on Attachment A?

Response: **The 3-year subscription will be paid annually.**

Question 4: What does Fully Loaded Change Order Rate under the Services and Training section represent?

Response: **The Fully Loaded Change Order Rate will cover any additional services and training needed.**

Question 5: Please verify MSDH's intended migration plan and phases, per options below:

- Option 1 – Immediately migrate from existing Forcepoint platform to Forcepoint full cloud platform
- Option 2 – Add hybrid capability to existing Forcepoint platform, then migrate to Forcepoint full cloud platform at a later date (within the subscription period)
- Option 3 – Upgrade the existing Forcepoint platform, then add hybrid capability to existing Forcepoint platform, then migrate to Forcepoint full cloud platform at a later date (within the subscription period)
- Option 4 – Upgrade the platform and then move to the Forcepoint full cloud platform at a later date

Response: **MSDH intends to proceed with Option 2 - add hybrid capability to existing Forcepoint platform, then migrate to Forcepoint full cloud platform at a later date (within the subscription period).**

Question 6: What is MSDH's current Forcepoint Web Security version?

Response: **MSDH is currently running Forcepoint Web Security version 8.20.**

Question 7: How many Forcepoint appliances, by location, does MSDH have deployed, and what are their serial numbers and models?

Response: **MSDH currently has one Forcepoint V10000 Appliance under warranty through June 2021. The serial number is GB1VDH2.**

Question 8: If any current Forcepoint appliance is out of warranty should the price to extend the warranty be added to this bid, or will this be a separate purchase?

Response: **There are no current appliances out of warranty.**

Question 9: If new appliances are required should the price be added to this bid, or will this be a separate purchase?

Response: **New appliances will be a separate procurement at a later date.**

Question 10: What is MSDH's current SQL version?

Response: **SQL 2016 is MSDH's current SQL version.**

Question 11: If virtualization is being used, what virtualization tool and version is being used?

Response: **VMware 6.7 is currently being used.**

LOC responses are due April 19, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time).

If you have any questions concerning the information above or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Robert Martinez at 601-432-8002 or via email at Robert.Martinez@its.ms.gov.

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